ment but was not found acceptable in the context of the independent functioning eviaged for the Prasar Bharat Corporation.

Inclusion of Konkani and other Languages in Constitution

*179. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to include Konkani and certain other languages in the Eighth Schdule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so what progress has so far been made in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) and (b) The matter is under Consideration of the Government.

Statutory Status to Minorities Commission

*180 CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating conversion of the Minorities Commission into statutory body; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to bring forward the required legislation for the purpose and what would be the composition of the Commission after being converted as a statutory body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Reported entry of former Prime Minister of Bangladesh into India

@ 1346. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Prime Minister of Bangladesh alongwith his family and some political colleagues, has entered into India;

(b) if so, what are the details of their whereabouts; and

(c) whether Government propose to grant them political asylum or send them back to Bangladesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Reports appearing in the Press on this subject have come to the notice of Government but there is no confirmation of his presence in India.

(b) and (c) Does not arise

Visit by Shri Lankan Tamil militants to coastal areas in Tamil Nadu

@@1347. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Shri Lankan Tamil militants visit coastal areas in Tamil Nadu to obtain supplies of various goods including diesel and petrol; and

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@Previously Unstarred Question 791 transferred from the 2nd January, 1991.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 770, transferred from the 2nd January, 1991.

(b) if so, the action Government have taken/propose to take to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Some movement of Shri Lankan Tamil militants in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu to obtain supplies of various goods including diesel and petrol has been reported.

(b) The State Govt. has intensified patrolling in the coastal areas, additional police posts have been set up in the coastal belt and police personnel have been provided with sophsisticated weapons. The State Govt. has also detained some militants under the NSA, apart from rounding up a large number of militants not keeping them in Special Camps.

Comprehensive economic package for Punjab

@1348 SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact taht a comprehensive economic package was announced by the Central Government for Punjab,

(b) whether Government have any proposal to review the package; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) A set of economic measures for Punjab was announced by the former Prime Minister in the Parliament an 5th October, 1990. Action on the various schemes is being taken by the concerned Ministries/Departments in consultation with the State Government. The progress of the action taken is being reviewed periodically.

Formation of construction industry development board

1349. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to form a construction industry development board;

(b) if so, what are the aims and functions of the proposed board;

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government anticipate any obstacles in its formation if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) A Working Group on Improvement of Methodology and Technology of Construction, constituted by the Planning Commission has recommended the setting-up of a Construction Industry Development Board.

(b) The proposed Board would be a nodal agency to co-ordinate all aspects covering construction activities, such as,

(1) Upgradation of technoloy, material management,

@Previously Unstarred Question 22 transferred from the 27th December, 1990.